

have a war in Europe always started by invading Poland. But we know that while Poland was occupied, the heart and soul of the Polish nation has never been occupied.

The Polish American community never abandoned Poland. We supported them during the long, cold years of Soviet domination. And then in 1980, when an obscure electrician in the Gdansk Shipyard jumped over a wall proclaiming the Solidarity movement, he took the Polish people and the whole world with him, to bring down the Iron Curtain. Ed Moskal and the Polish American community played an important role—sending supplies to the strikers and their families and educating the world about what was going on in Poland.

After the fall of the Iron Curtain, I worked with Mr. Moskal for NATO membership for Poland. Mr. Moskal and the Polish American community helped Poland take its rightful place as a member of the family of democratic nations. Poland is now a full, contributing member of NATO. Our Polish allies serve alongside Americans in Afghanistan and in Iraq.

Now, after so many years of foreign domination, Poland has made the difficult transition to democracy and a free market. Poland is now a real democracy with a vibrant market economy, as well as a reliable NATO ally.

And so, today, we in the Polish community mourn the loss of Ed Moskal. We send our thoughts and prayers to his wife, Wanda Sadlik, and to his family.●

TRIBUTE TO PETER F. FLAHERTY

● Mr. SANTORUM. Mr. President, today I rise to reflect on the passing of Peter F. Flaherty. On Monday, April 18, 2005, Peter Flaherty passed away at his home in Mount Lebanon, PA, after a battle with cancer. The Flaherty family has suffered a tremendous loss, and I offer them my condolences and deepest sympathy during this difficult time.

Pete Flaherty has had incredible influence over the Pittsburgh region and also over his party. As a Democrat, Pete Flaherty did not always follow the party line, which sometimes got him into trouble, but mostly made him an effective leader.

Pete's roots extend back to Alpine Avenue in the north side of Pittsburgh where he was born. He attended St. Peters, a Catholic elementary school, went on to Latimer Middle School, and graduated from Allegheny High School. His family, devout Irish Catholics, attended St. Peters in Pittsburgh, where Pete served as an altar boy.

Before attending Carlow University and Notre Dame Law School, Pete joined the Army Air Corps and was trained as a navigator. As the war was coming to a close, Pete was shipped to a B-29 squadron in Guam.

It was after law school that Pete began his political career. He was

elected to his first office as city council in 1965. It did not take long for Pete to make his mark on Pittsburgh.

In more than 40 years of public service, Pete was three times the Democratic nominee for statewide office, served as deputy U.S. attorney general, was mayor of Pittsburgh, and was a county commissioner for 12 years. His career of public service was truly remarkable.

Pete Flaherty not only leaves behind a legacy but also a wonderful family. My thoughts and prayers are with the Flaherty family during the days and months ahead.●

PAUL DAVIS

● Mr. SHELBY. Mr. President, I rise today to recognize Mr. Paul Davis, who was recently awarded with the 2005 Alabama Press Association Lifetime Achievement Award. Paul Davis has been in the newspaper business for more than 35 years, and his career has been filled with courageous accomplishments.

The Alabama Press Association Lifetime Achievement Award honors outstanding service in journalism for individuals who have spent a large percentage of their newspaper career in Alabama. Paul has been recognized for standards of excellence in journalism, courage and controversy on tough issues, and a voice for those less fortunate.

Paul has spent most of his professional career in Alabama. From 1969 to 1973, he was a reporter, columnist and then associate editor at the Tuscaloosa News, my hometown newspaper. Following his time at the Tuscaloosa News, he moved on to serve as editor of the Selma Times Journal and then as vice president and general manager of the Natchez Democrat in Mississippi. From 1983 to 1998, Paul served as editor, publisher and president of the Auburn Bulletin, the Spirit Magazine, and the Tuskegee News. Today, he serves as the president and publisher of Davis Publications of Auburn.

I believe that Paul is well-known for his work as a young reporter at the Tuscaloosa News. Through his investigative reporting, he exposed the abuse of retarded youth and adults at Partlow School and the horrific treatment of patients at the state mental institution, Bryce Hospital. He uncovered the unthinkable details about patients living in wards with no air-conditioning during hot Alabama summers with only one psychiatrist to care for some 5,000 patients. He reported that attendants would dispense pills every hour to keep patients sedated day after day. Even worse, we learned that patients helped construct caskets in the basement and buried their fellow patients in fields behind the hospital, using only numbers to identify the graves. His work on this issue earned him a nomination by his publisher, Buford Boone, for the Pulitzer Prize.

Paul also played an important role in the Federal case regarding the treat-

ment of mental patients. In this important case, U.S. District Judge Frank M. Johnson, Jr. ruled that mental patients have a constitutional right to treatment. Following Judge Johnson's ruling, Paul was asked to serve as chairman of the Human Rights Committee at Bryce Hospital. Indeed, his investigative work in this area helped reform Alabama's mental health hospitals.

Long before his reporting exposed the horrific conditions of the mental hospital in Tuscaloosa, Paul spent many days during his youth at Partlow School, visiting and playing games with the residents. Later in life, as president of the Civitan Club in Tuscaloosa, he helped open the first rehabilitation center at Partlow.

Paul Davis has also been an outspoken critic of the leadership at Auburn University. A devoted Tiger fan himself, he has written numerous articles about the school's board of trustees. Supporters and opponents alike agree that, while you may not like what he has to say, he is in-depth and thorough in his reporting. He was recently honored with the Academic Freedom Award from the Auburn University chapter of the American Association of University Professors for his articles on governance issues at Auburn.

In addition to the Lifetime Achievement Award and the Academic Freedom Award, Paul has received numerous professional and civic awards and has twice been nominated for the Pulitzer Prize. Paul is a member of the American Political Science Association; Society of Professional Journalists, Sigma Delta Chi; and the National Mental Health Association. He also served as past presidents of both the Alabama Press Association and the Alabama Press Association Journalism Foundation.

His company, Davis Publications, publishes the Tuskegee News weekly, and he is a columnist for the Auburn-Opelika News. Paul and his wife Gayle have five sons, one daughter, and thirteen grandchildren.

I have tremendous respect for Paul Davis and his devotion to uncovering the truth. He is most deserving of the Alabama Press Association Lifetime Achievement Award, and I am pleased to congratulate him on this important achievement.●

HONORING THE CAREER OF ROBERT H. MCKINNEY

● Mr. BAYH. Mr. President, today I rise to pay tribute to the career of a distinguished civil servant and friend, Bob McKinney, who is retiring as chairman of First Indiana Corporation this week. His long career has been filled with acts of conscientious service on behalf of friends, family members, and Hoosiers. The contributions he made through his work in financial services and public service have touched the lives of many across the country.